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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BARRY GLENN WILLIAMS,

Petitioner,

vs.

Case No.: CV 00-10637
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ROBERT L. AYERS, JR., WARDEN,
CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON AT
SAN QUENTIN, et al.,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF

CARMEN TRUTANICH

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1 How did you involve investigative resources,
2 either from OSS or CRASH? I mean, were they at your
3 disposal?

4 A. If I needed something, I'd call downtown.
5 Generally I'd call Dennis Cho, who was the assistant head
6 of hard core downtown, who's now a retired judge out of
7 Orange County. And I'd tell Dennis I needed an
8 investigator. And then he would put me onto whatever --
9 I don't remember who was the head of, you know, the
10 investigations for the D.A.'s office at the time for hard
11 core.

12 And, you know, I had my choices who I wanted to
13 work with. And I wanted to work with Jim Bell, because
14 he was competent. He was honest. He was good. And I
15 could rely on him. And, you know, I always requested
16 Jim.

17 Q. Was Jim Bell the only D.A. investigator that
18 worked on Williams case?

19 A. I don't remember. I think there were a couple
20 other guys when Jim was ill or Jim was working on
21 something else. There may have been a couple other guys
22 for taking photographs or something, you know.

23 But the cases all blend together now. I mean,
24 I don't -- you know, I can remember being out somewhere
25 on 90th Street someplace, and one of the investigators --

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1 not Jim -- racking around into a shotgun because we were
2 getting surrounded, you know. And I don't know if that
3 was this case or another case, but they kind of all -- so
4 I couldn't tell you if Jim was the only guy. I'm sure he
5 wasn't.

6 Q. Let me ask you about that. I saw something in
7 the transcript, and it -- there was a request to go out
8 to the Green Meadows Park.

9 Do you remember Green Meadows Park?

10 A. Yeah. Wasn't one of the murders committed at
11 Green Meadows Park?

12 Q. It was. The murder of Donald Billingsley?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And there was a request to go to --

15 A. Take the jurors out there?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. I remember doing that. Did I make that
18 request?

19 Q. I don't believe.

20 A. Was it the defense?

21 Q. I believe it was the defense.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. And before, you'd indicated in the record that
24 you wanted sufficient security. And you had mentioned
25 something might have -- or, um, indicated that you had a

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1 bad experience.

2 Do you remember anything about that?

3 A. I remember that Jim Bell dragged me down
4 because somebody pulled a gun out or something. I -- you
5 know, I don't remember what happened out there but it was
6 it was not fun. You know, it was a car that drove by.

7 You got to remember that all this happened in
8 the context of Patricia Lewis' house getting shot up.
9 And so we were very, very careful.

10 And then I got a threat during the course of
11 this trial. And so it was not something that the office
12 wanted to do, I believe.

13 Q. Well, based on your statements, it seemed like
14 there was something particular that happened to you at
15 Green Meadows Park.

16 A. Right.

17 Q. Do you recall that specifically?

18 A. Yes. Yes.

19 Q. What happened?

20 A. We were out there taking photographs, Jim and
21 I. And I didn't see much because, you know, next thing I
22 knew -- Jim was the one that was doing -- I was looking
23 at the crime scene. Next thing I knew, Jim was telling
24 me somebody had a gun, and I think they pulled me down.

25 I don't -- it's 30 years ago so I don't

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1 remember exactly. But it was -- we were scared. I could
2 tell you that. And we got the hell out of there like
3 right after that. Jim just refused to stay unless we got
4 more backup and more support.

5 Q. Okay. Was it -- did you ever file a complaint
6 or did somebody ever get prosecuted for that?

7 A. No. I don't think so. I mean, to me it was --
8 I wasn't -- I wasn't the guy that saw everything. You
9 know what I mean? I was doing my job. And Jim was
10 provided security so he was looking out. All I did was
11 go to the floor.

12 Q. Oh, I -- I thought the perpetrator actually
13 grabbed you and threw you on the ground and pointed a gun
14 at you.

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. No.

18 Q. Jim had directed you to get on the --

19 A. Jim actually pulled me.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Yeah. I don't remember a whole lot about it.
22 You know, I just remember being scared at the time. I
23 didn't sign on to get shot, you know. I, um, you know,
24 was just doing my job.

25 Q. I respect that.

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